

R E P O R T

On the Health and Sanitary Condition of the

WESTBURY URBAN DISTRICT

for the year

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Presented to the

Westbury Urban District Council

by

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Medical Officer of Health
of the Westbury Urban
Sanitary Authority.

Health Department,
Craven House,
Warminster, Wilts.

TO. The Chairman of the Westbury Urban District Council.

Sir,

As directed by the Ministry of Health Circular 17/55 dated 23rd November, 1955, I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report relating to the health and sanitary circumstances of the Urban District of Westbury.

It is followed by the Report of the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. S.H. Prophet, which contains detailed information regarding the sanitary work in the district.

Again I am pleased to thank all Members of the Council for their support and co-operation and it is necessary to stress my indebtedness to your Clerk and all Members of the Public Health Department.

Close co-operation with the family doctors is essential if my work is to be well done. I am happy to state that this co-operation is most evident in Westbury and much appreciated. In their day to day work, mainly concerned with the treatment of illness and the welfare of their fellow citizens, it is obvious that the prevention of such illness is not overlooked. I am grateful for their collaboration and feel sure that our close and cordial relations will continue.

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH REYNOLDS.

WESTBURY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Chairman of the Council.

Mr. N. T. Parker.

Vice-Chairman.

Mr. A. V. Arnold.

Chairman of the Public Health Committee.

Mr. A. V. Arnold.

Councillors:

W. H. Alley.

M. J. Jones (Rev.)

A. V. Arnold.

E. C. Macey.

F. H. Fear.

T. E. Masters.

F. W. Francis.

N. T. Parker.

Public Health Officers of The Authority.

Medical Officer of Health.

Joseph Reynolds, M.C., L.R.C.P. Edin., L.R.C.S. Edin.,
L.R.F.P. & S. Glas., D.P.H. (Eng.)

Chief Sanitary Inspector. (Part-time).

S. H. Prophet, A.F.S., A.R. San. I.

Additional Sanitary Inspector.

J. Webster, A.R. San. I., M.S.I.A. (From 1.1.55 to April, 1955)
J. E. Harvey, A.R. San. I., (From 29.9.55 to 31.12.55)

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area of the District (acres)	3,686
Population - Registrar General's estimate as at 30th June, 1955.	5,420
Density of Population - Acre per person	0.68
Number of Inhabited Houses and Flats as at 31st December, 1955.	1,754
Number of Council Houses at 31st December, 1955.	462
Rateable Value on 1.4.55.	£33,522
Product of a Penny Rate year ending 31st December, 1955.	£131. 17s. 8d.

The chief industries are cloth manufacture, gloving, engineering, building, and umbrella making.

Westbury is also a Rail Junction of importance and a large proportion of the population are employed by British Railways.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S .

a)	<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	
	TOTAL	55	51	
	Legitimate	52	51	
	Illegitimate	3	-	
	<u>Live Birth Rate per</u> <u>1,000 population of the</u> <u>Urban District.</u>		19.6	
	<u>Live Birth Rate of the</u> <u>Urban District after correction</u> <u>by Area Comparability Factor. (1.05)</u>		20.6	
	<u>Live Birth Rate per 1,000</u> <u>population of England and</u> <u>Wales.</u>		15.0	
b)	<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	
	TOTAL	1	3	
	Legitimate	1	3	
c)	<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
		27	20	47
	<u>Crude Death Rate per 1,000</u> <u>population of the Urban District.</u>		8.7	
	<u>Death Rate after correction</u> <u>by Area Comparability Factor (0.93)</u>		8.0	
	<u>Death Rate per 1,000</u> <u>population of England and Wales.</u>		11.7	
d)	<u>Deaths of Infants under</u> <u>one year of age.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	
	TOTAL	-	-	
	Legitimate	-	-	
	Illegitimate	-	-	
e)	<u>Deaths of Infants under</u> <u>4 weeks of age.</u>			
	TOTAL	-	-	
	Legitimate	-	-	
	Illegitimate	-	-	

f) <u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Rate</u> <u>per</u> <u>1,000</u> <u>popula-</u> <u>tion.</u>
<u>Group A - Certain Communicable Diseases.</u>				
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-	
2. Tuberculosis, other.	-	-	-	
3. Syphilitic disease.	1	-	1	
4. Diphtheria.	-	-	-	
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-	
8. Measles	-	-	-	
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases (except Influenza and Pneumonia)	-	-	-	
Total Group A.	1	-	1	0.2
<u>Group B - Cancer and related Malignant Disease.</u>				
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	-	2	
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	-	3	
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	2	2	
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	1	1	
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	2	2	4	
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	1	1	2	
Total Group B.	8	6	14	2.6
<u>Group C.</u>				
15. Diabetes	-	-	-	
<u>Group D Heart Disease and other diseases of circulatory system.</u>				
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system.	2	6	8	
18. Coronary disease, angina.	4	3	7	
19. Hypertension with heart disease.	1	-	1	
20. Other heart disease.	6	3	9	
21. Other circulatory disease.	2	1	3	
Total Group D.	15	13	28	5.1

f) Contd.	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Rate</u> <u>per</u> <u>1,000</u> <u>popula-</u> <u>tion.</u>
<u>Causes of Death.</u>				
<u>Group E. Respiratory diseases</u> <u>(other than tuberculosis).</u>				
22. Influenza	-	-	-	
23. Pneumonia	-	-	-	
24. Bronchitis	1	-	1	
25. Other diseases of respiratory system.	1	-	1	
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Total Group E	2	-	2	0.4
<u>Group F.</u>				
26. Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	-	-	-	
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	-	-	-	
28. Nephritis and nephrosis.	-	-	-	
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.	-	-	-	
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	-	-	-	
31. Congenital malformations	-	-	-	
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	-	-	-	
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Total Group F.	-	-	-	-
<u>Group G. Accidents and Violence.</u>				
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents.	1	-	1	
34. All other accidents.	-	1	1	
35. Suicide.	-	-	-	
36. Homicide and operations of war.	-	-	-	
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Total Group G.	1	1	2	0.4
37. All causes.	27	20	47	8.7

TABLE OF BIRTH AND DEATH RATES.

(Local Rates after correction by Area Factors.)

Year	Population	Births	Rate per 1,000 population Westbury.	Rate per 1,000 population England and Wales.	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 population Westbury.	Rate per 1,000 population England and Wales.	Deaths of Infants under one year of age.
1950	5,330	105	20.1	15.8	62	10.4	11.6	5
1951	5,333	92	17.6	15.5	59	10.1	12.5	5
1952	5,375	99	18.8	15.3	65	11.0	11.3	3
1953	5,385	98	18.6	15.4	41	6.9	11.4	0
1954	5,420	98	19.0	15.2	60	10.3	11.3	6
1955	5,420	106	20.6	15.0	47	8.0	11.7	0

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

a) Laboratory Facilities.

The district is fortunate in having laboratory facilities available to the East and to the West, i.e. in the Pathological Department of the Salisbury Infirmary and the Public Health Laboratory in Bath. Practitioners in the district use the most convenient laboratory, a practice followed by this Department when forwarding specimens of water, milk, ice-cream, or suspected foodstuffs for bacteriological investigation.

b) Ambulance Service.

The Ambulance service is provided and controlled by the Wiltshire County Council. The service to this district is controlled from Bradford-on-Avon where the station is manned continuously. A sub-station in Warminster also serves the district. Non-emergency calls must originate from a doctor, dentist, or midwife.

To obtain an ambulance in an emergency:-

where there is a dialling system in operation, dial 999

where there is no dialling system, lift the receiver and ask for an ambulance.

c) Midwifery, Home Nursing, Health Visitors and Home Helps.

These services are provided and controlled by the Wiltshire County Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, telephone Trowbridge 3641.

d) Clinics and Treatment Centres.

The following Clinics serve the districts:-

1. Ante Natal:

At the Maternity Hospitals concerned.
Consultant Clinics are at Trowbridge and Bradford-on-Avon for patients referred by their own doctor or midwife.
Baptist Chapel, West End, Westbury, Wilts. - Wednesday mornings 10.0 - 12.30 p.m.

2. Infant Welfare:

Methodist Chapel, George Street, Warminster at 2.30 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month.

Methodist Schoolroom, Station Road, Westbury at 2.30 p.m. every Thursday.

Progressive Hall, North Bradley at 2.30 - 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

Trowbridge C.C. Clinic, The Halve, at 2 p.m. on every Tuesday and Thursday.

3. Paediatrics.

Warminster Hospital on second Friday in each month.
Trowbridge and District Hospital third Friday in each month.

4. Diphtheria Immunization.

Immunization is undertaken by the County Council and Medical Officers visit the schools in outlying villages at specific dates for this purpose. All family doctors will also carry out immunization.

The Warminster Clinic is held on the fourth Friday of every month at 2 p.m. at the Methodist Schoolroom, George Street, Warminster.

The Westbury Clinic is held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m. at the Laverton Institute, Westbury.

Nursing equipment and appliances can be loaned from the Medical Loan Depot in charge of Mrs. G.(George) Nicholls, Marshlands, Upper Marsh Road, Warminster.

e) Hospitals.

The four hospitals noted below serve the district and are controlled by the West Wiltshire Hospital Management Committee:

	<u>Beds.</u>	<u>Classification.</u>	<u>Type of case dealt with.</u>
Warminster Hospital.	30	Wholly general.	} Acute medical and surgical cases. Gynaecological cases. Chronic sick patients for short periods only.
Westbury and District Hospital.	20	do.	
Sambourne Hospital.	95	Mainly chronic sick.	Aged chronic sick. Accommodation reserved to the County Council for 26 Welfare residents. Accommodation provided for 2 wayfarers (women only).
Beckford Orthopaedic Hospital, Warminster.	26	Orthopaedic	

Many residents also attend and receive treatment at several Hospitals in Bath and Salisbury.

Maternity cases are admitted to hospitals at Bradford-on-Avon, Trowbridge and Salisbury.

Cases of infectious diseases are admitted to Isolation Hospitals at Trowbridge, Bath and Salisbury. The majority of cases of Tuberculosis are admitted to Winsley Chest Hospital, the Manor Hospital, Bath, and St. John's Hospital, Trowbridge.

f) Mortuary.

An annual payment is made to the West Wiltshire Hospital Management Committee for mortuary facilities at the Sambourne Hospital, Warminster. The visiting Pathologist has expressed his satisfaction with the facilities provided.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Ministry of Labour and National Service.

1 Bratton Road,
Westbury.
Telephone: Westbury 296.

Weymouth Street,
Warminster.
Hours: 9 - 5 p.m.
Telephone: Warminster 2351.

Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Town Hall, Warminster.

Springfield Road,
Westbury.

Hours: 10 - 11.30 a.m.

Telephone: Westbury 22.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

5. Ear, Nose and Throat.
By invitation from the County Council or through the family doctor.
Trowbridge and District Hospital first, third and fifth Mondays, and second and fourth Thursdays in each month.
Westbury Hospital on fourth Tuesday in each month.
Warminster Hospital first Tuesday in each month.
6. Eye.
By invitation from the County Council.
Second, fourth and fifth Fridays in month at Methodist Schoolroom, Warminster.
10.30 to 1 p.m. every Monday at Trowbridge and District Hospital.
7. Orthopaedic.
At Trowbridge, by invitation from the County Council or through the family doctor.
At Warminster - First Monday, first Friday, and second and fourth Thursday in each month.
At Westbury, first Tuesday in each month.
8. Gynaecology.
At Warminster Hospital on fourth Wednesday in each month, and at Westbury Hospital on first and third Monday.
9. Chest Clinic.
Trowbridge - Wednesday mornings and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cases referred by own Doctor or by invitation from County Council.
10. Rheumatism.
Alternate Wednesday at Trowbridge and District Hospital.
11. Radiotherapy Follow Up (Cancer).
At Bristol and Bath by arrangement with the County Council.
At Trowbridge and District Hospital second Thursday in each month.
12. Mental Illness.
Trowbridge and District Hospital every Tuesday afternoon.
13. Chiropody.
By arrangement with the County Council.
14. Veneral Diseases.

	<u>MEN.</u>	<u>WOMEN.</u>
The Halve, Trowbridge.	Tuesday - 5 - 6.30 p.m.	Tuesday - 5 - 6.30 p.m.
General Infirmary, Salisbury.	Tuesday - 11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Wednesday - 6 - 7.30 p.m.
	Friday - 6 - 7.30 p.m.	Saturday - 11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Royal United Hospital, Bath.	Friday - 5 p.m. Saturday - 5 p.m.	Tuesday - 5 p.m. Friday - 2.30 p.m.
St. Martin's Hospital, Bath.	Tuesday - 2 p.m.	Tuesday - 2 p.m.

Welfare Foods are distributed at the W.V.S. Centre, 14A Market Place, Warminster, on: Monday 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m., Tuesday 2.30 - 4.30 p.m., Thursday 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m., Friday 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

General Information. (Contd.)

National Assistance Board.

School Lane,
Bellvue Road,
Salisbury.

Bellefield House,
Hilperton Road,
Trowbridge.

Telephone: Salisbury 2261.

Telephone: Trowbridge 2348.

Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance.

Weymouth Street,
Warminster.
Telephone: Warminster 2351.
Hours: 9 - 5 p.m.

Wallbridge House,
Portway,
Frome.
Telephone Frome 2373

Bellefield House,
Hilperton Road,
Trowbridge.

Mental Health Officers.

	<u>Home Address.</u>	<u>During Office Hours.</u>	<u>Outside Office Hours.</u>
Mr. C.J.Lewis	40 Westbourne Rd., Trowbridge. Telephone: Trowbridge 2696	County Hall, Trowbridge. Telephone: Trowbridge 3641.	40 Westbourne Rd., Trowbridge. Telephone: Trowbridge 2696.
Deputy: Miss B.A.Bessant	20 Wilcot, Pewsey. Telephone: Pewsey 2243.	2 Church St., Pewsey. Telephone: Pewsey 3259.	20 Wilcot, Pewsey. Telephone: Pewsey 2243.

SECTION C.

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Emergency supplies of sera for the treatment of anthrax, botulism and snake-bite are kept at the Ham Green Hospital, Bristol (tel. 31165).

Infectious Diseases notified during 1955:-

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	1	-	4	1	1	7	24	22	1	-	2	-	63
Whooping Cough	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5
		<u>1949</u>		<u>1950</u>		<u>1951</u>		<u>1952</u>		<u>1953</u>		<u>1954</u>	<u>1955.</u>

Measles		243		1		47		30		144		-	63
Whooping Cough		2		93		7		15		82		83	5
Scarlet Fever		3		1		30		9		3		2	1
Poliomyelitis		-		1		1		3		1		-	1
Food Poisoning		-		-		1		-		-		-	-
Influenzal Pneumonia		-		-		-		-		1		-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		1		-		-		-		2		-	-
Erysipelas		-		1		-		-		1		-	-

It can be seen that no case of smallpox or diphtheria has occurred. The Family Doctors carry out vaccination against smallpox and the percentage of children vaccinated in infancy is slowly increasing in Westbury but is still too low to prevent the disease spreading rapidly should a case occur in the district. I am grateful to the doctors for their co-operation in getting this most important work done.

The figures for diphtheria immunization are a little better but again too many parents are running a risk of their children contracting either this disease or smallpox. Every parent should aim at having the infant vaccinated before it reaches four months of age. It can then be immunized against diphtheria and whooping cough before reaching the age of eight months. Such immunization is offered by the County Council at their clinics. The Family Doctors will also do this and in addition protect the child against tetanus without any extra injections.

Tuberculosis.

	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Cases on Register at 31.12.55.	14	19	17	15
New Cases notified during 1955.	2	2	-	1
Transfers in.	1	1	1	-
Deaths	-	-	-	-
Recovered	-	1	-	1
Transferred out of district.	3	-	1	-

Tuberculosis (Contd.)

Notifications and Deaths during the year.

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Pulmonary Tuberculosis.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.</u>		<u>Totals.</u>	
	<u>Notifi- cations.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Notifi- cations.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Notifi- cations.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
1949	4	0	2	0	6	0
1950	2	0	7	0	9	0
1951	5	1	7	0	12	1
1952	4	0	2	0	6	0
1953	4	0	2	0	6	0
1954	9	0	4	0	13	0
1955	6	0	2	0	8	0

Number of Cases on Register at end of each year.

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
1949	40	43	83
1950	40	52	92
1951	24	35	59
1952	25	35	60
1953	25	32	57
1954	31	32	63
1955	33	32	65

Mass Radiography.

One thousand and eighty (1,080) persons were examined by this method during the year resulting in one person being referred to the Chest Physicians.

Section 47. National Assistance Act, 1948.

No action under this section has been necessary during 1955.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX STATISTICS 1955.

(By courtesy of Dr.C.D.L.Lycett, C.M.O.H., Wiltshire.)

Age Group	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5 - 9	10 - 14	Total under 15
Primary imms. completed during 1955	77		65				14	156
Reinf. inj.s. administered during 1955	-		18				83	101
Total immunized child population at 31st Dec.1955	17	73	97	71	87	47 392	84 261	1129

~~47~~ Immunized before 1.1.51.

~~84~~ Immunized since 1.1.51.

Age Group	Under 1	1	2 - 4	5 - 14	15 or over
Vaccinations	49	1	3	-	2
Re-vaccinations	-	-	-	3	8

SECTION D.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk.

No. of Retailers registered - 4

No. of Dairies registered - 2

The licences granted during the year to sell designated milk as provided by the Milk and Dairy Regulations 1949 were:

Dealers' Licences issued to use the special designation Tuberculin Tested - 2

Dealers' Licences issued to use the special designation Pasteurized - 2

Supplementary Licences issued to use the special designation Tuberculin Tested - 2

Supplementary Licences issued to use the special designation Pasteurized - 2

Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) No.2 Order, 1955

This order came into effect on the 6th December, 1955, and now only designated milk, viz. Pasteurized, Tuberculin Tested or Sterilized, may be sold in the urban district.

Milk Sample Reports.

Fifty-one (51) tests were made by the Public Health Laboratory Service on twenty-eight (28) samples taken in the district and the results are shown in the following tables:

a) Tuberculin Tested Milk.

Date.	Retailer.	Producer.	Methylene Blue Test.	Biological Test for Tuberculosis.
7.2.55	A		Satisfactory	
7.2.55	B	Z	do.	
14.3.55	B	Z	do.	
14.3.55	A		do.	
11.4.55	A		do.	Negative
12.4.55	B	Z	do.	do.
19.9.55	B	Y	do.	
1.11.55	A	X	do.	Negative
8.12.55	B	Y	do.	

b) Pasteurized Milk.

Date.	Retailer.	Producer.	Methylene Blue Test.	Phosphatase Test.	Biological Test for Tuberculosis.
17.1.55	C	W	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	
14.3.55		W	do.	do.	
12.4.55	C	W	do.	do.	Negative
19.9.55	F	W		do.	
19.9.55	F	W		do.	
19.9.55	B	Z		do.	
5.10.55		W	Satisfactory	do.	
5.10.55		W	do.	do.	
18.10.55	C	W	do.	do.	
18.10.55	C	W	do.	do.	

b) Pasteurized Milk. (Contd.)

Date.	Retailer.	Producer.	Methylene Blue Test.	Phosphatase Test.	Biological Test for Tuberculosis.
18.10.55	C	W	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	
1.11.55		W	do.	do.	Negative
1.11.55		W	do.	do.	do.
1.11.55	B	Z	do.	do.	do.
8.12.55	A	Z	do.	do.	
8.12.55	B	Z	do.	do.	
8.12.55	C	W	do.	do.	
8.12.55	G	W	do.	do.	
8.12.55	C	W	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	

To comply with the Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurized and Sterilized Milk) Regulations, 1949, Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurized) and Pasteurized Milk must not give a reading of more than 2.3 Lovibond blue units in the phosphatase test, and must not decolourize methylene blue in 3 minutes after storage in the laboratory at atmospheric shade temperature not exceeding 65°F. until between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. on the day following that on which the sample was collected.

The County Sanitary Inspector submitted sixteen (16) samples of Tuberculin Tested milk for biological examination and all these milks were found to be free from tuberculous infection.

In addition, thirty-one (31) samples of Pasteurized milk were submitted by the County Sanitary Inspector and only one of these was found to be unsatisfactory.

c) Examination of Containers.

Examination of bottles for cleanliness is done by taking a bottle from the filling machine before it is filled with milk. The bottle is capped in the ordinary way and the residual washing water examined at the bacteriological laboratory.

The following provisional classification is suggested by the Public Health Laboratory Service:-

Not more than 600	- Satisfactory.
Not more than 2000	- Fairly satisfactory.
Over 2000	- Unsatisfactory

The bottle washings are also examined for the presence of B.Coli, i.e. excremental organisms.

Date.	Retailer.	Colonies per Bottle.	B. Coli present in			
			1 c.c.	1/10	1/100	1/1000
17.1.55	X	Nil	-	-	-	-
17.1.55	X	Nil	-	-	-	-
8.2.55	X	20	-	-	-	-
8.2.55	X	Nil	-	-	-	-
14.3.55	X	10	-	-	-	-
14.3.55	X	Nil	-	-	-	-
15.4.55	X	Nil	-	-	-	-

d) Examination of Containers (Contd.)

Date.	Retailer.	Colonies per Bottle.	B. Coli Present in			
			1 c.c.	1/10	1/100	1/1000
15.4.55	X	Nil	-	-	-	-
5.10.55	X	200	-	-	-	-
5.10.55	X	5,000+	+	+	+	-
18.10.55	X	Nil	-	-	-	-
15.11.55	X	5,000+	+	+	-	-
15.11.55	X	5,000+	+	+	-	-
15.11.55	X	5,000+	+	+	+	+
15.11.55	X	5,000+	+	+	+	-
15.11.55	X	5,000+	+	+	+	+
15.11.55	X	5,000+	+	+	-	-
23.11.55	X	5,000+	+	+	-	-
23.11.55	X	5,000+	+	-	-	-
23.11.55	X	5,000+	-	-	-	-
23.11.55	X	5,000+	+	-	-	-
23.11.55	X	5,000+	+	+	+	-
23.11.55	X	5,000+	+	+	+	-
5.12.55	X	20	-	-	-	-
5.12.55	X	30	-	-	-	-
5.12.55	X	500	+	-	-	-
5.12.55	X	5,000+	-	-	-	-
5.12.55	X	5,000+	-	-	-	-
5.12.55	X	20	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		-	Satisfactory	-	14	
			Fairly Satisfactory	-	0	
			Unsatisfactory	-	15	

The County Sanitary Inspector submitted twelve (12) containers for examination of which ten (10) were satisfactory, and two (2) unsatisfactory.

SECTION E.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supplies.

The source at Wellhead normally gives a wholesome water without treatment but the Bratton Road supply in the raw state is often grossly polluted. In addition clinical analysis has shewn water from the Bratton Road supply to be acid in reaction which will cause corrosion.

No. of Premises supplied from town mains - 6,840
No. of Premises supplied from other sources - 15

Sampling gave the following results:-

<u>Treated Water.</u>		<u>Bact:</u> <u>Count</u> <u>Cols:</u> <u>per</u> <u>1 m.l</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>Coli</u> <u>Aerogenes</u> <u>count per</u> <u>m.l.</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>Faecal B</u> <u>Coli Count</u> <u>per 100</u> <u>m.l.</u>
<u>Date.</u>	<u>Source of Sample.</u>			
10.1.55	6/8 West End, Westbury.	6	Nil	Nil
10.1.55	8 Marristow Street, Westbury.	1	Nil	Nil
24.1.55	Laverton Institute, Westbury.	1	Nil	Nil
14.2.55	30 Edward Road, Westbury.	Nil	Nil	Nil
28.2.55	Standpipe, Fatts Passage, West End, Westbury.	Nil	Nil	Nil
28.2.55	No.63 Oldfield Road, Westbury.	2	Nil	Nil
4.4.55	29 Leigh Road, Westbury.	2	Nil	Nil
25.4.55	84 Penleigh Grove, Westbury.	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.6.55	21 Church Street, Westbury.	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.7.55	Standpipe, Fatts Passage, Westbury.	1	Nil	Nil
4.7.55	Standpipe, 36 Tower Hill, Dilton Marsh.	4	Nil	Nil
19.8.55	40 Westbury Leigh, Westbury.	Nil	Nil	Nil
19.8.55	30 Edward Street, Westbury.	Nil	Nil	Nil
10.10.55	Laverton Institute, Westbury.	3	Nil	Nil
19.10.55	12 Edward Street, Westbury.	Nil	Nil	Nil
19.10.55	46 West End, Westbury.	Nil	Nil	Nil
14.11.55	Laverton Institute, Westbury.	5	Nil	Nil
14.11.55	32 Edward Street, Westbury.	3	Nil	Nil
5.12.55	D.S.Milk Co., Oak Dairy, Westbury.	1	Nil	Nil
5.12.55	Laverton Institute, Westbury.	1	Nil	Nil

Untreated Water.

10.1.55	Wellhead No.3 Borehole.	56	3	Nil
24.1.55	do.	6	8	Nil
14.2.55	do.	7	5	Nil
20.2.55	do.	Nil	Nil	Nil
28.2.55	Wellhead No.1 Borehole.	4	Nil	Nil
21.3.55	Wellhead No.3 Borehole.	10	Nil	Nil
4.4.55	do.	Nil	Nil	Nil
25.4.55	do.	1	3	Nil
2.5.55	do.	39	Nil	Nil
4.7.55	Wellhead Pumping Station.	Nil	Nil	Nil
19.9.55	do.	1	3	Nil
10.10.55	do.	3	Nil	Nil
19.10.55	do.	Nil	Nil	Nil
14.11.55	do.	2	Nil	Nil

SWIMMING BATH.

April saw the opening of the swimming bath now equipped with continuous filtration and chlorination plant. This great improvement makes it possible for the swimming bath water to be kept as wholesome as the drinking water supplied in the town mains. Also the clarity enhances the safety of the bathers in addition to its aesthetic appeal.

The Sanitary Inspector reports as follows:-

Housing.

During the year twenty-six (26) houses, eleven (11) flats and two (2) shops were completed on the Oldfield Park Estate. The increase over the 1954 building programme was eleven (11) flats and two (2) shops. The total number of dwellings occupied on the Estate at the end of December was two hundred and forty-one (241).

Five (5) private enterprise dwellings were completed during the year.

The hutted camps at Fontainville and Gibbs Close were de-requisitioned during the year. The Fontainville site was cleared of the hutments previously used as living accommodation.

Slum Clearance.

During the year the Westbury Urban District Council approved in principle a five year programme of slum clearance involving approximately sixty (60) dwellinghouses.

Detailed inspections of the eleven (11) dwellinghouses concerned in the first year of the programme were carried out and maps of the Clearance Areas prepared.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The tip at Slag Lane, where refuse is disposed of by the method known as controlled tipping, continues to be shared with Melksham Urban District Council.

Approximately one thousand four hundred (1,400) cubic yards of soil from excavations in the Urban District were spread and levelled over the tipped refuse. Despite this, quite a large area of the tip remained substantially uncovered. A general shortage of suitable covering materials existed during the year.

The Rodent Operator carried out monthly treatments of the tip. In November a combined treatment with the Railway Company's Contractors and in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries was carried out with considerable success.

Frequent inspections of the tip were made.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

The Sewage Works at Frogmore continued to operate satisfactorily up to three times dry weather flow. At times of storm the pumping and shorage facilities were inadequate, and considerable flooding in the Frogmore Road area was evidenced on several occasions. The Council had under consideration the installation of electric pumps at the pumping station and their Consulting Engineers had submitted details as to the means of overcoming the Frogmore Road nuisance.

Sanitary Inspections.

An analysis of the inspections and visits during the year is appended.

Pest Control.

The Rodent Operator whose services were shared with the Warminster Urban District Council carried out two hundred and twenty one (221) treatments of dwellinghouses and business premises. Regular treatments were also carried out to the Council's sewers, sewage disposal works, depots etc.

Water.

Water samples were taken regularly throughout the year, and results were always satisfactory.

Work was commenced on a new borehole at Wellhead Pumping Station.

Milk and Dairies.

Frequent inspections were made of all dairies in the district. Samples of milk and bottle rinses were taken regularly. Only four milk samples were found to be unsatisfactory. In these cases immediate follow-up action was taken with good results. The bottle rinse samples were generally unsatisfactory.

All the unsatisfactory milk samples and bottle rinses were from the D.S. Milk Company, Warminster Road. This dairy was constantly visited during the latter part of the year with a view to ensuring that satisfactory conditions were maintained there. Several visits were made in the company of the Wiltshire County Sanitary Inspector.

An undertaking was given by the Company to rectify certain defects in and around the dairy premises. Progress was slow in carrying out the remedial works and at the 31st December several of these matters were still outstanding.

The Wiltshire County Council as Licensing Authority for the Pasteuriser's Licence were with Westbury U.D.C. (Licensing Authority for the Dealer's Licence and Registration of Premises) continually striving for improvement of conditions at the dairy.

During the year the throughput of the dairy increased so that at 31st December it was estimated to be four times as much as it was when they were first licensed in 1953. The dairy premises are now inadequate to cope with the increased business.

In December a Director of the Company made it known that the Company contemplated building a new dairy outside the Urban District.

On the 6th December Westbury Urban District became part of Specified Area No.8 in which only designated milks may be sold. The Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) (No.2) Order, 1955, referred.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938/Shops Act, 1950.

Inspections under the Food and Drugs and Shops Acts were carried out during the year. Apart from a few minor contraventions (subsequently rectified) all were found to be satisfactory.

During the year condemnation certificates were issued in respect of four hundred and seven (407) items of food (mostly tinned goods from a warehouse in the district) voluntarily surrendered.

Factories Act, 1937.

Inspections of factories in the Urban District were carried out. Premises were found to be generally satisfactory, only minor contraventions having been encountered.

Swimming Baths.

The Council owned Swimming Bath was redecorated during the year. Re-organisation of the stripping and sanitary accommodation was carried out to modern standards. The swimming bath catered for more than fourteen thousand (14,000) swimmers during the season.

Sanitary Inspections of the District.

The following is a summary of the inspections and visits made during 1955:-

Houses - Public Health Acts	19
Houses - Housing Acts.	41
Complaints investigated. (Inclusive of houses and hutments under direct control.)	1208
Drains and drain tests.	32
Factories and Workshops.	36
Rats and Mice Acts.	61
Petroleum Acts.	29
Shops Acts.	18
Interviews with Owners, etc.	12
Revisits to Property under notice.	17
Bakehouses	5
Fried Fish Shops	3
Butchers' Shops	9
Ice Cream Premises.	12
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.	43
Milk Samples - Designated.	21
do. Tuberculosis	9
do. Food and Drugs.	27
Miscellaneous	83
<u>Informal Notices served.</u>	10

Sanitary Improvements Effectuated.

Dwelling Houses:

Provided with Damp-Proof Course	1
Roofs repaired	65
Floors repaired, ventilated, etc.	8
Plastered walls and ceilings repaired.	43
Windows repaired, made to open, etc.	69
Sashcords renewed.	3
Stairs repaired.	2
Skirting boards provided or repaired	4
Doors repaired, rehung or renewed.	80
Firegrates repaired, reset or renewed	57
Chimneys or Chimney stacks repaired.	28
New sinks provided and fixed.	2
Sink wastes repaired or renewed.	3
Wash Coppers repaired or provided.	1
Copper firesets repaired or renewed	2
R.W.Cisterns repaired or filled in.	1
External walls pointed	2
Ovens repaired or renewed	11
External walls cemented or tarred.	30
Eaves gutters and R.W.P. renewed.	18
Dangerous walls repaired	3
Yard paving repaired	13
Draining Boards	9

Drains, Water Closets and Ashes Accommodation:-

Obstructed drains cleansed	20
Obstructed W.C.'s cleansed	8
Drains repaired or reconstructed	7
W.C. seats renewed	13
W.C. basins renewed	6
W.C.Cisterns renewed	2
Closet structures repaired.	2
Dustbins provided	37

Other Nuisances:

Smoke	4
Accumulations	3
Rats and Mice	75
Plumbing repairs	637

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	36	56	1	-
iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	36	56	1	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)-					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	1	-	-	-
	2	1	-	-	-

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect.110(1)(c)

Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	542
Umbrellas, etc.	20

TOTAL	562
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